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It is first noted that the species designation in the Thin Edge Group is an improper designation since H and I are not necessarily independent and distinct, Applicants respectfully contend. See for example FIGS. 26 and 28 which show an extending strip at the top of the drawing and a calendered end at the opposite bottom end. This species designation should be reconsidered and withdrawn, Applicants respectfully request. However, a response to this election requirement is provided below.

Similarly, Applicants respectfully contend that the species designation in the Printable Media Arrangement Group is improper. While J relates to the construction of each of the printable media, K relates to the arrangement of the printable media on the sheet. In other words, they both do not relate to the construction or to the arrangement; rather, they relate to different things. Thus, this species designation should also be reconsidered and withdrawn, Applicants respectfully request. In any event, a response to this election requirement is provided below.

The elected species follow:

A. Dry Laminate -- all pending claims read thereon except for claims 283, 286, 288, 333, 338, 340, 342, 386, 400 and 408.

F. Cardstock Sheet -- all of the currently pending claims read thereon.

H. Calendering Printable Media (see withdrawal request above) -- all claims read thereon, Applicants respectfully contend (for example, no claims say that both ends of the sheet are calendered or that both ends have extending sheet edges).

K. Matrix (see withdrawal request above) -- all claims read thereon (for example, single piece cards can be arranged in a matrix).

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It is noted that the Applicants have previously amended the claims so that there are only two independent claims, both directed to a sheet of printable media. A side-by-side comparison of pending independent claims 282 and 337 shows that they are similar. Both include a facestock sheet construction and facestock continuous through-cut lines through the facestock sheet construction.

More particularly, claim 282 includes a solid liner sheet covering at least substantially the entire back side of the facestock sheet construction. Areas of the liner sheet cover back sides of at least substantially all of the through-cut lines. Claim 337 includes a continuous liner sheet secured to the back side of the facestock sheet construction. The areas of the liner sheet cover all of the back sides of all of the through-cut lines. The areas of the liner sheet in both of these claims hold the printable media together when the sheet of printable media is fit into a printer or copier for a printing operation on the printable media. Additionally, the liner sheet and through-cut lines, according to both of these claims, allow the media to be removed from the liner sheet and separated after the printing operation into individual printed media.

Both of these independent claims accordingly are patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully contend.

Further, it is requested that the earlier amendment to the inventorship entity be entered and approved.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are all patentable and issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order. If there are any questions or remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone counsel to seek to resolve them.

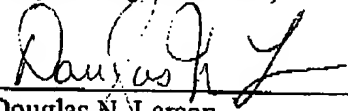
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